

**FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.**, minutes of Dec. 11, 2013. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Harris Myers. The Federation donated \$50.00 to Becky Myers for a charity of her choice. She asked that the \$50.00 be put to the Habitat Fund which was quite important to Harris. 28 clubs were represented at this meeting. Guests: Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner NYC-DEP, Bureau of Water Supply. Chris Austin, Regional Manager NYC-DEP (Roundout/Neversink area). Matthew Baker, DEC CO, Carl Lindsley, Retired DEC & Deming Lindsley, Retired DEC. Paul Rush talked about our 2,000 sq.mile water shed consisting of 116,000 acres. The reservoirs are open for boating & fishing, most areas can be utilized without special permits. They are looking to keep the lands open to everyone. They had a special program recently for the Wounded Warrior Program. Chris Austin stated that there are 7,437 acres in Sullivan County open for hunting. They have a land management staff that will meet with anyone who may have questions or concerns. He advised that the towns have to work with the DEC in making any new resolutions. Matthew Baker, our new DEC CO, was introduced by Deming Lindsley. Officer Baker will now be in charge of our area. Officer Baker has 6 years with the DEC and hails from Western NY. He was part of the green/grey patrol during hunting season. He can be reached at 845-428-8679. Carl Lindsley reported that he will be on the job again. From December thru April he will be tagging hen turkeys. Contact Carl if you have any flocks of turkeys that can help Carl with his tagging efforts. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the November minutes since all clubs receive copies. Seconded and CARRIED.

#### **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Treasurer Ray Herbert had a list of outstanding bills for flowers, coyote flyers, annual refreshments, internet, miscell. coyote hunt material, copier ink, repairs to the trailer, 3 rifles from Fur, Fin & Feathers and Liberty Press Motion was made to pay all bills. Seconded, CARRIED.

Pres. Jack Danchak read a note from Clarence Decker of Cher Acres. They donated \$50.00 to the Federation in Memory of Harris Myers. This money is to be put in to the Habitat Fund. He passed around an article from the Syracuse Post-Standard which was very favorable to our coyote hunt. A letter was also received from Ann Jardin, an Olympic hopeful in shooting, who we have previously donated money to (see new business). A letter was also read from the owners of the Rockland House. They responded to our dissatisfaction with the banquet meal. Pres. Danchak called him and they have promised to address our complaints. A tentative date of 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October has been set.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

PRES: Jack Danchak reported that he has been busy on the internet locating other clubs to send flyers, faxes and e-mails regarding the coyote contest. He urges the membership to support the hunt. We are currently advertising in upstate newspapers to get more entries. He advised that for every 10 tickets sold, you get 1 free. Each club has been requested to supply 1 bottle of booze for the wheel barrel raffle at the hunt dinner. Carl Lindsley remarked that a "good" coyote pelt will currently bring \$30.00.

V.P.: Hank Samyn had nothing to report.

SEC.: Linda Loughrey had nothing to report.

TREAS.: Ray Herbert advised that after paying the bills, there will be a balance of \$7,979.69. Started with \$12,793.36, added income of \$1,340.00, deducted expenses paid of \$6,153.67. Motion was made to accept Treasurers Report. Seconded, CARRIED.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

COUNCIL DEL.: Bill Gaudette had nothing to report.

FISH: Tony Fello reported that the fish stocking was completed.

BIG GAME: Harvey Dickens. See attached BIG GAME REPORT 12-11-13.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: Keith Krauss stated that Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date when we can start submitting applications. Get the names/address/phone numbers to Keith. (932-8923) Age groups are 11-13 and 14-17.

FWMB: Bill Gaudette had nothing to report.

HABITAT: Becky Myers expressed her thanks to everyone.

SPORTSMEN'S ED: Carl Lindsley had nothing to report. There are no classes scheduled.

DEP: Harold Buley had nothing to report.

NRA: Harvey Dickens. See attached NYRA REPORT 12-12-13.

SWEEPSTAKES: Kay Danchak had nothing to report.

YOUTH ICE FISHING DERBY: Carl Lindsley said that everything is scheduled for the last Saturday in January.

DEER FEEDING: Jack Danchak stated that the season is over on the 18<sup>th</sup>, so it is okay to feed after then.

#### **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Federation is still addressing whether or not to attend the Chamber of Commerce Sportsmen's Expo in March 2014 at the college. Will again be discussed at next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pres. Danchak asked the Federation for their approval to give the Treasurer & Secretary their annual Christmas gift of \$350.00 each. Motion was made, Seconded – CARRIED. The annual donation of \$200.00 was made out to the Kauneonga Lake Fire Dist. for use of their hall all year. Seconded – CARRIED. Motion was made to once again sponsor Ann Jardin with a donation of \$200.00. Seconded – CARRIED. Discussion was held regarding the \$90 million in license fees that the Governor is holding that could go towards a lot of programs. A Hunter Safety Instructor Course will be held at the S.C.Conservation Club in Early 2014. Applications are on the DEC web-site.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEE:**

Bruce Miller presided over nominations & elections. Aaron Finley & Harry Walker would assist if necessary.

President – Jack Danchak was nominated for this office. Nominations were closed/SECONDED. The Secretary cast a single ballot electing Jack Danchak to this office. He accepted

Vice-President-Hank Samyn was nominated for this position. Nominations were closed/SECONDED. The Secretary cast a single ballot electing Hank Samyn to this office. He accepted.

Secretary-Linda Loughrey was nominated for this position. Nominations were closed/SECONDED. The Treasurer cast a single ballot electing Linda Loughrey to this office. She accepted.

Treasurer-Ray Herbert was nominated for this position. Nominations were closed/SECONDED. The Secretary cast a single ballot electing Ray Herbert to this office. He accepted.

Director – Harold Buley was nominated for this position. Nominations were closed/SECONDED. The Secretary cast a single ballot electing Harold Buley to this office. He accepted.

The above officers were elected by the membership – no opposing ballots were cast.

Appointment for a new Habitat Chairman will be made next month.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00PM, Seconded, CARRIED.

Next meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7:30PM, Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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2014 Membership Registration Forms enclosed – ALL CLUBS - please complete in entirety so records can be updated.  
Note DUES are now \$55.00 annually.

PLEASE TRY TO SELL 10 GUN RAFFLE TICKETS.....for each 10 sold/1 free.

## BIG GAME REPORT 12-11-13

1. To prevent the spread and importation of Chronic Wasting Disease the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and the DEC announced emergency regulations prohibiting the import and movement between shooting preserves and other captive facilities of deer, elk and moose.
2. The DEC announced that the Southern Zone deer harvest for opening weekend was down 9 percent from last year. They attribute this to the warm weather opening day and the rainy Sunday. The DEC doesn't feel that the reduced take opening weekend is indicative of the deer numbers in the state.
3. Many sportsmen are complaining that the new state deer survey will only be sent to 7000 hunters. The DEC was hoping for a solid response but given the returns to date they are projecting only a 40% response rate. Many sportsmen considered this number too low for a survey that will drive deer management decisions for the next several years. Since the survey is below 65% the state will conduct brief telephone interviews with a sample of non-respondents in January.

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## NRA REPORT 12-11-13

1. The Obama administration is working on new gun control regulations that they say would target stolen and missing weapons. It is unclear precisely what the draft regulations, drawn up by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and under review at the White House's regulations office, would do. The ATF would not comment on the draft rule, since it has not yet been released to the public, but a description provided by the White House asserts that it would target cases where guns go missing in transit. The NRA is keeping an eye on these new regulations

2. Governor Cuomo, Mayor Bloomberg and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence suffered a setback during last months elections when their supported antigun candidates in Westchester and Nassau counties were soundly defeated by NRA and NYS Rifle and Pistol Assoc. backed candidates. These races were seen by political pundits as a referendum on the SAFE Act.

3. As reported by Wayne LaPierre, Obama revealed his gun control endgame in a Sept. 22, 2013 political speech at the memorial for the Navy Yard victims in which he has embraced the universal firearm confiscation of Australia and England. The setup for this propaganda push was a Jan. 2013 New York times op-ed piece by former Australian Prime Minister John Howard titled "I Went After Guns, Obama Can Too."

*W. Decker*

# REGISTRATION FORM

## FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC.

Member of New York State Conservation Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location: (give township & general informaton) \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICERS: President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate (Representative at Federation Meetings) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Delegate (Representative at Federation Meetings) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Annual Elections: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Club Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_ Date Organized \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_

Own Land \_\_\_\_\_ Lease Land \_\_\_\_\_ Post Land \_\_\_\_\_ Is Membrship Open \_\_\_\_\_

Is Membership Limited \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Meetings Per Year \_\_\_\_\_

Has Club an active Conservation Program \_\_\_\_\_ Does Club assist in restocking of fish and game \_\_\_\_\_ Is your Club willing to assist the Federation on Committees \_\_\_\_\_

Club mail should be mailed to: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number - Delegate or Officer to get in touch with \_\_\_\_\_

DUES ARE \$55. PER YEAR, CHECK PAYABLE TO FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OF SULL. CO., INC.

RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK TO SECRETARY:

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